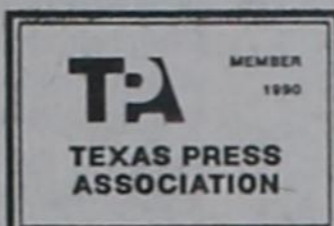


# The Gorman Progress

Gorman, Eastland County, Texas 76454



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## 1989-90 Pantherettes



Left to right back row: Coach Diane McCarty, Tonya Caraway, April Daniels, Jodi Gibbs, Tiffany Stephens, Jana Norris, Cari Daniels and Christi Frasier - Manager. Left to right front row: Sylvia Ramirez, Kathy White, Melissa Mayfield, Barbie White, Nikki Warren and Stephanie Bryant.

Congratulations to the Gorman Pantherettes on winning District. The Pantherettes and Coach and manager deserve all the recognition due for making this season one of the most successful for GHS.

## Gorman Panthers Lose Area Playoff Game At Buzzer



1989-90 Gorman Panthers - l to r back row: Oscar Herrera, Gary Browning, Brandon Gilmore, Chad Campbell, Stephen Scitern, Lance Sharp, James Carroll, Justin Underwood, Joe Rodgers, John Carter and Chago Landa. Front row - Coaches Eddie Pettit and Dudley McCarty.

The Gorman Panthers overcame a 21 to 4 deficit in the first period with the Tolar Rattlers at Mineral Wells and came back with 21 points in the second to trail by a 25 to 39 margin at halftime, then outscored Tolar 17 to 15 to get within 7 points at the end of the third quarter, then came roaring back in the fourth period outscoring Tolar 27 to 17, only to lose by a 71 to 69 score on a controversial final shot at the buzzer. The Panthers had come from a 17 point deficit to lead by two points in the final minutes before Tolar tied the game, then got the winning two pointer to get the victory as the buzzer sounded.

The Panthers were led by Lance Sharp who burned the net for 33 points. Chad Campbell had 10. Joe Rodgers, Chago Landa, Gary Browning and Jason Ditmore each had 5 points, with Brandon Gilmore hitting 4 and John Carter 2. Shane Flippen had 16 points to lead Tolar scorers.

The Panthers just couldn't seem to find the target in the first period and got behind badly before they started to get going. But the loss was a

heart-stopper because the Panthers had come back so strongly to take a 2 point lead before Tolar hit the final two baskets to take the Panthers out of the playoff bracket.

Gorman has had a great season and the Panthers are to be congratulated on their performance this year. They have come back in several games to take wins over their opponents to seal victories and have managed a season mark of 22 and 8. Their hopes for a state playoff berth did not materialize, but lets praise them for a galant effort for their week by week, game by game efforts to carry them this far.

Again we congratulate the Panthers on a great season.

In the Bi-District game on Thursday night against Baird at the Ranger Junior College gym the Panthers survived a sizzling start by the Baird Bears and rallied to post a 59 to 49 victory in Class A to take the Bi-District Title.

The Bears came out firing in the first quarter and opened up a lead as big as 8 points before settling for a

21-16 advantage at the end of the first quarter. Lance Sharp kept the Panthers afloat in the game early on with eight of his game-high 21 points in the first period.

In the second quarter the momentum shifted to the Panthers and they outscored the Bears 15 to 7 in the period to take a 31-28 advantage at halftime.

Gorman built the lead to seven points, 43-36, starting the fourth period. However the Bears Michael Kirkland hit nine points in the quarter and managed to get the lead down to three late in the quarter. But the Panthers hit eight of 14 free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Lance Sharp led the Panthers with 21 points. Chad Campbell had 11. Joe Rodgers hit 8. Chago Landa had 7. Justin Warren got 6. John Carter had 4 and Gary Browning hit 3. Kirkland led the Bears with 19 points.

This win put the Panthers season record at 21 and 7.

## VOTERS APPROVE TO DISSOLVE HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Voters in the district approved the dissolution of the South Eastland County Hospital District in the election held on Saturday. Of the 88 votes cast 84 were in favor of dissolving the district and 4 voter against the proposal.

The district's remaining assets and obligations will now be transferred to Eastland County and the county will assume indigent health care and any delinquent district taxes will go to the county.

In 1967 the hospital district was created by the legislature and voters of the proposed district to keep Blackwell Hospital in operation.

The hospital closed in 1986 after serving the community's health care needs for 67 years.

When the hospital closed it was \$600,000 dollars in debt. The hospital board of directors declared bankruptcy in order to have time to pay creditors. An auction of the hospital

equipment, etc. was held to pay some of the outstanding bills.

Taxes were continued to be collected and when Dr. Clay Salyer purchased the hospital building in May of 1989 the district became debt free and Gov. Bill Clements signed into law a bill, HB1841, which provided for the election for dissolution of the hospital district by the voters of the district. The bill became effective August 28, 1989.

The hospital is currently under the ownership of the Dublin Recovery Centers, Inc., who is anticipating the renovation of the building which is expected to house approximately 80 patient beds for acute care and chemical dependency patients.

The renovation project has not begun at this time and an opening date has not been set as yet.

Local folks are looking forward to the opening of the Dublin Recovery Center and it's economic impact on this area.

## CITY ELECTION SLATED FOR MARCH 5TH

The City of Gorman election will be held on Saturday, March 5 in the Old Fire Hall to elect two commissioners and a mayor.

Positions expiring are the office of mayor Graydon Baze and Commissioner Place Two formerly held by the late L. F. Kellogg and Commissioner Place Four Hershell Cordell.

Those wishing to file for these positions may do so at the City Office through March 21 during regular business hours.

## County Treasurer Ruth Pugliese Hart Seeks Re-Election

The Texas Constitution in Art. 16, Sec. 44 provides that a county treasurer shall be elected by the qualified voters of each county. County treasurers are public officials who receive and disburse all monies belonging to county government. They are custodians of this money and invest it in local financial institutions under the direction of the Commissioners Court. County treasurers also perform the duties of billing for the county and calculating the payroll of county employees. The treasurer's office provides a check and balance for monies received from every office of the county. All financial undertakings of the office are open to the public at any time.

Ruth Pugliese Hart would like to express her appreciation to each citizen of Eastland County for the faith and confidence shown during her first term of office. She has enjoyed the full cooperation of each elected official and pledges continued friendly dedicated service.

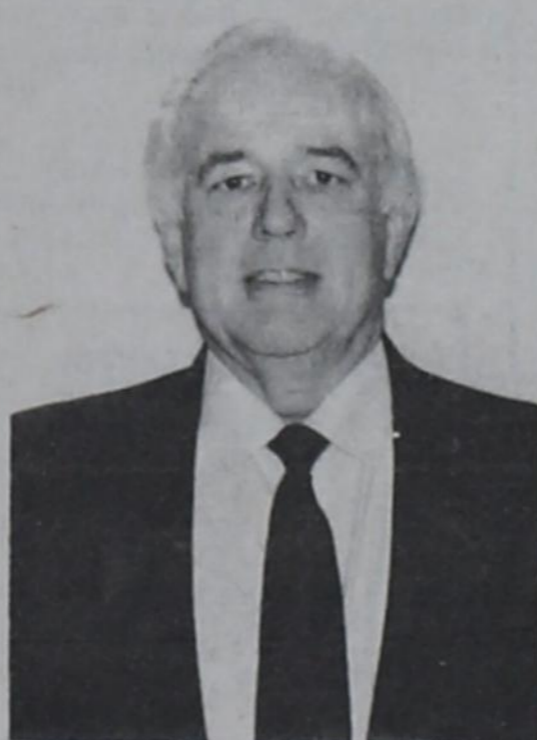
Ruth respectfully asks for your vote for Eastland County Treasurer in the March 13th Democratic Primary and the November 6th General Election.

## KEEPING UP

Visiting Pauline Dennis this week-end were Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Currie of Stephenville and Dr. and Mrs. Jack Bishop of Eastland.

Mrs. Letty Craddock of Ranger was a visitor Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Lasater.

## Leslie B. Vance Issues Statement To The Voters



Leslie B. Vance of Eastland, Texas, is a candidate for the office of Criminal District Attorney of Eastland County.

Mr. Vance is a practicing attorney with an office at 110 South Seaman in Eastland. A member on good standing of the State Bar of Texas, Mr. Vance is engaged in the general practice of law. He is married to the former Milta Kincaid of Eastland, daughter of Robert and Phyllis Kincaid of Cisco. His daughter, Kathryn lives in Comanche; son, Byron, a graduate of Eastland High School, is a freshman at Baylor Law School in Waco, and son, Josh, is a 6th grader in the Eastland Schools. The Vances reside at 402 Briarwood in Eastland.

Mr. Vance served as County Attorney of Bosque County and as District Attorney of the 52nd and 220th Districts of Texas for about 10 years.

"The office is an important one which deserves a District Attorney who will be a zealous protector of the interests of the people of Eastland County and will ensure that the accused are fairly and quickly tried and punished. I will provide leadership for our law enforcement officers with a cooperative and coordinated effort. Our State, County and City

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## The Texas Branding Iron Restaurant To Hold Open House March 3rd



Larry and Ramona Stewart proudly announce the completion of "The Texas Branding Iron Restaurant, where you can enjoy Texas Mesquite Pit Barbeque, Steaks and All The Trimmings, including a Salad Bar.

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Everyone is invited to come out and help us celebrate our Open House and Grand Opening, Saturday, March 3rd from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and have refreshments and register for free door prizes.

"The Texas Branding Iron" is located next to the "The Peanut Hut", Highway 6 - West in Gorman, Texas, Phone 817-734-3323.

**"Come on by You'll be glad you did!"**

## City To Perform Smoke Tests On Sewer System

You've heard the old saying, "Where there's smoke, there's fire" haven't YOU? Well, it may not hold true during the coming weeks. The city crew and an engineering staff from Abilene will be injecting smoke into the manholes around town in an effort to locate and repair leaks in the wastewater collection system.

These tests are one of the steps being required by the Texas Water Commission to try to bring our waste water collection and treatment systems into compliance with State and Federal guidelines. It also makes it possible for us to locate sources of methane and hydrogen sulfide gas leaks in or under houses.

So, if you notice smoke coming from your rain gutter, vent stacks, or anywhere around your house while these tests are being done, don't panic! Call the City Office at 734-2317 and we will let you know if the smoke tests are being done in your area of town.

We will try to keep you informed as to the exact date that smoke testing will begin.

## SCHOOL MENU

### BREAKFAST

Monday - Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, juice and milk.

Tuesday - Cheese toast, juice and milk.

Wednesday - Eggs, bacon, toast, juice and milk.

Thursday - Rice with cinnamon and sugar, toast, juice and milk.

Friday - Pancakes, sausage, syrup juice and milk.

### LUNCH

Monday - Frito pie, cheese sauce, beans, salad, crackers and milk.

Tuesday - Roast, baked potatoes, broccoli, cherry cobbler, hot rolls and milk.

Wednesday - Fish, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit, rolls and milk.

Thursday - Pizza, salad, corn, cookies and milk.

Friday - Hamburgers, cheese, all the trimmings, ice cream and Milk.

### WITH FRIENDS

Jaquelynn Schuman of Eastland spent Friday and Saturday with her grandparents, Joe and Maxine Bennett, and Uncle Lonnie.

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**HOUSE FOR SALE:** Hwy. 8 in Desdemona, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, living room, den, 2 wells. Will carry note. Call 758-2536 or 817-968-8313. 8-3-29 P.

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**FOR SALE:** Bank Repo - 2 bedroom, 2 bath home, behind Bob's Grocery. Terms to qualified buyer. Contact John at Citizens State Bank, 734-2254. 12-8-FNC.

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# KOKOMO NEWS

ZELDA JORDAN -- PHONE 639-2289

A very large crowd was at the Kokomo Community Center enjoying the good food, fun and fellowship at the Stew Supper sponsored by the Kokomo EH Club on Saturday night, Feb. 24. We thank all who came. \$374.00 was raised.

Special music at the Kokomo Baptist Church on Sunday morning was rendered by Gary Browning, Helen Browning, Woodrow Browning, Ottis Griffith, Jimmy Little, J. L. Morrow, Danny Snider, Kay Snider, Norma Webb and Oren Webb. Visitors were Diane Morgan of Friona, Jessie McCaffety of Amarillo and Wynelle Millican and Greg of Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Buchanan and Yancy of Clyde and Kelly Buchanan of Fort Hood visited Mrs. Albert Hendricks on Saturday and enjoyed

**BIG GARAGE SALE:** Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3 at Archie Skaggs home on Kokomo Road. Tools, glassware, few clothes, lots of miscellaneous. Ya'll Come. 1-3-1 P.

**NURSES NEEDED:** At De Leon Nursing Home - Full Time - L. V. N. Charge Nurse for the 3-11 shift and a full time LVN or Medication Aide for 11-7 Shift. Apply in person to Bill Spencer, Director of Nurses or Billie Butler, Administrator, 205 East Ayers, De Leon. 2-3-8 C.

**NEED SOME SPACE:** ALL 1989 MODELS LOWERED TO FACTOR INVOICE PRICES. ART'S HOMES, INC. IN GRANBURY - 817-326-2392. 2-3-8 C.

**ESTATE AUCTION:** Saturday, March 3 - 10:00 a.m. - Gorman, South of School, Across street from the Tennis Courts. This is the Estate of B. G. (Boose) Thomas. Sale items includes furniture, appliances, and many other useful and interesting things. TUCKER AUCTION SERVICE - Phone 629-1956. Lic. # 7965. 1-3-1 P.

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**HELP WANTED:** Need LVN's. Apply in person. Canterbury Villa of Gorman. 2-3-8 C.

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The Gorman Progress is authorized to make the following political announcements, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary Elections on March 13 and April 10, 1990:

**Eastland County Treasurer:**  
RUTH PUGLIESE HART  
(Re-election)

**Criminal District Attorney:**  
EMORY C. WALTON  
(Re-election)  
TRUMAN P. KIRK  
LESLIE B. VANCE

**Eastland County Judge:**  
W. E. (BILL) SIKES  
SCOTT J. BAILEY  
(Re-election)

**Justice of The Peace - Pct. 5:**  
V. O. HUFF  
(Re-election)  
HERSHELL N. CORDELL

**County Commissioner - Pct. 2:**  
CALVIN AINSWORTH

**Eastland County District Clerk:**  
BILL MIEARS  
JUNE TUCKER-HICKS  
DARRELL M. SHIPMAN

**Congressman - 17th District:**  
CHARLES W. STENHOLM  
(Re-elect)

the Kokomo Stew Supper. Sylvia Buchanan also visited her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Lum Tuggle. Other guests of Nancy's were Mrs. Rudy Aguilar of Eastland, Mrs. Gene Burreson of Lake Leon, Mrs. Charles Rodgers of Gorman, Mrs. Hoyt Bryant and Bro. Joe O'Neal.

Miss Dawn Donaldson of Houston has been visiting with the Vernon Wrights of Eastland and the Truman Bryants of Carbon. Dawn and Mrs. Albert Hendricks enjoyed going to the old home place of Dawn's grandparents, the late John and Hattie Donaldson. She is the daughter of Danny Donaldson.

Lucille Joiner of Stephenville and Billie Jeane Grisham of De Leon were visiting with their mother, Mrs. Bill Joiner, on Saturday.

Mrs. Oren Webb visited in Comanche on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Webb, Jacob and Kaci.

The Woodrow Brownings were recent visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Gatlin at Panhandle.

Mrs. Jeff Seaton and Kaci, and Chris Bibby of Baird visited in Goldthwaite on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brinegar and Larry and Liz. Liz came home with them for a weekend visit.

Kenneth and William Whitley of

De Leon visited on Saturday with Glenn Jordan.

Paul and Imogene Norris and J. L. AND Naoma Morrow were in Plains last week to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Larry Morrow, Lance, Layne and Lenny and to attend the playoff basketball game between Plains and Sundown. Plains placed second. Lance and Layne are members of the Plains team. Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Campbell and Mrs. Gladys Morrow of Levelland and Mike Blakney of Lubbock also attended the ball game.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackie Morgan of Friona spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. J. C. Clearman, and an aunt, Mrs. Jessie McCaffety of Anarillo. Mrs. McCaffety accompan-

ied the Morgans back to her home following a visit here with Mrs. Clearman.



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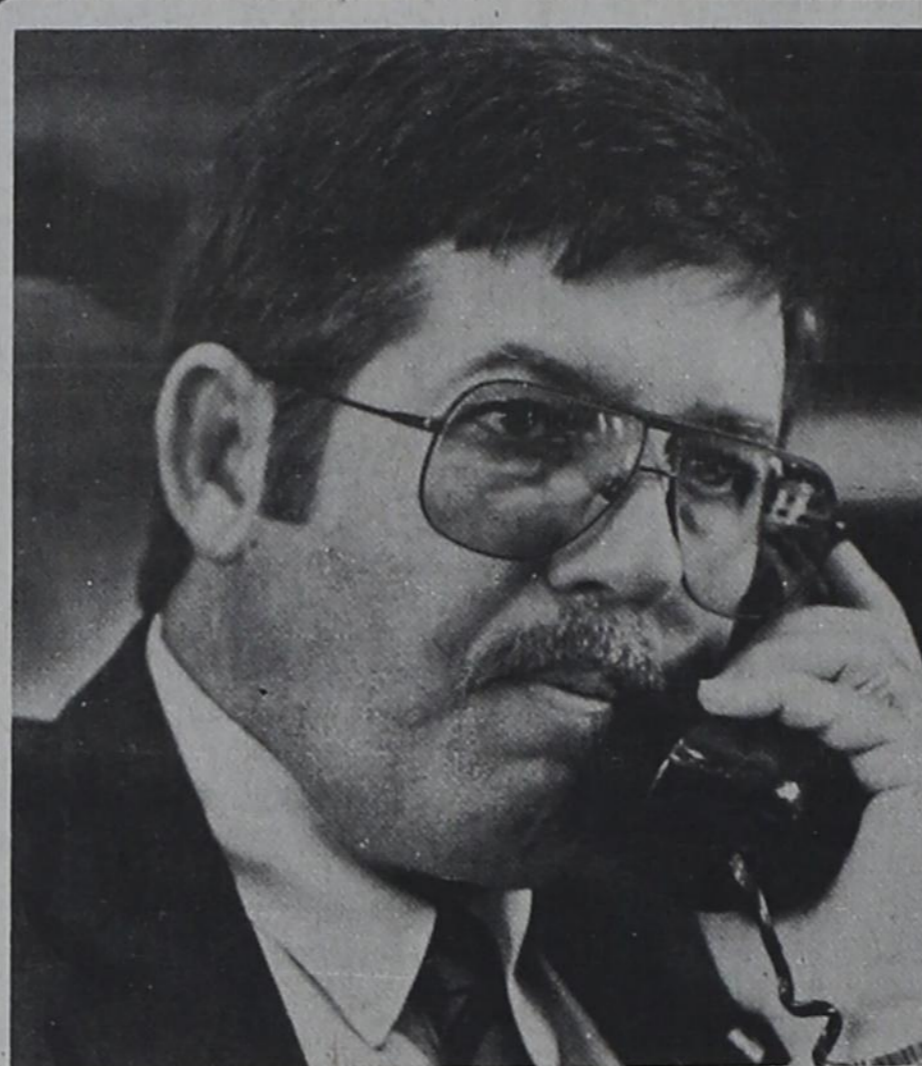
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# CANTERBURY VILLA NEWS

NANCY HENDRICKS - REPORTING

At 10 a. m. on Saturday, Bill and Mary Wilkinson of Lake Leon Baptist Church came and gave the Bible study to 8 residents.

Clara Rich went to De Leon on Monday and visited the family of Mike Carlin, Jr. who was killed in a car accident. The Carlins and Richs are cousins.

Visiting with Clara Rich and Winnie Thompson were Barbara Tucker, Ruth and Edgar Higginbottom, Juanita Files, Jewel Whitley of Dublin and Wilda Holt of De Leon.

At 2:30 p. m. Sunday those from the First United Methodist Church bringing church services were Rev. and Mrs. James Haynes, Gene Snelson, Edgar and Ruth Higginbottom, Tommie Haile, Sue Ann Tarver and children, Velma Bennett, Lucretia and Junior Fairbetter.

Those visiting Mae Quinn and Leo Clement were Vernon Skaggs of De Leon, Wayne and Betty Quinn of Saginaw, Jared Quinn of Hurst,

Anna Quinn of Colleyville, and Glen Clement of Lake Leon.

Those coming from the Gorman Church of Christ at 4 p. m. Sunday were Bro. Curtis and Neta Maness, Bro. T. A. Grice, Janda and Tracey Taylor, Frankie and Georgie Stacy, Juanita Files, Christine and Cecil Self, Bud and Dee Smithey, Purnia Faye Smith, Murtice Rodgers, Dora Faye Brewer, Vera Rodgers, Zina Simpson, Lorene Foster and Scythia Alldredge.

Those visiting Varona Taylor were Billy, Janda, Tracey and Steve Taylor, Curtis and Neta Maness, Bud and Dee Smithey, Cecil and Christine Self.

Those visiting Cody and Pauline Love were Grace Burks of Austin, Jayce Echols of Brownwood, Ruth and Edgar Higginbottom, and Nicki Foster of Brownwood.

Irene West and Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo on Monday. Winners were Mae Quinn, Minnie

Dupuy, Ora Mae Atchison, Dee Gilmore, Iola Johnson, Veno Hale, Ruby Vandergriff, Cynthia Earles and Ida Lewis.

Visiting Lorene Duggan were Clydell and Veda Lewis of Desdemona, Amy Echols and Nickie Foster of Brownwood, Grace Buks of Austin, Bud and Dee Smithey and Stella Rider.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Overstreet visited Roy Kinser.

We really enjoyed the Monday night musical. Guests were E. J. and Martha Park of Strawn, Loyd and Bobbie Glasson, Archie and Georgie Faye Skaggs, Hershell Cordell, Paul and Imogene Norris, Carroll and Leta Hogan, Truitt and Ruby Lee Norris, Gus and Evelyn Sublett of Breckenridge, Anna Rush, Leland Warren, Lovena Fonville, Theda Mat turner, A. V. and Hillery Seay, Doris Burleson, Ima Lee Burleson, Georgie Ann Iley, Bernice Weehunt of De Leon, Daisy Slaton, Sarah, Shawn and Sterling McCauley, Babe Norris of Eastland, Aubrey Wilson, Alpha Mae Andry, Velma Bennett. Anna Rush and Lovena Fonville brought cookies served with punch.

Those visiting Homer Wood were Donald and Lona Lightfoot of Round Rock, Sunny Anderson of Moran, Sarah, Shawn and Sterling McCauley, Daisy Slaton and Norman and Velsie Rawson of Cisco.

Visiting Nellie Morgan and Cynthia Earles were Jennifer Melton of Stephenville, Calvin and Tommy Hollis of Nerkel, Larry Don Griffith of Cisco, Dora Faye Brewer.

Gabe Wright visited his brother, Leroy Wright.

On Tuesday morning Lois Buchanan played the piano and we sang. Later Theda May Turnet gave a Bible quiz.

Le Ann and Buck Shugart of Strawn and Dixie Pack of Desdemona visited Emma Shugart.

Johnnie Anderson of Lingleville, Clyde and Billie Buchan of De Leon, Bob and Beth Dunwell visited Era Whitehurst.

We are happy to report a new aide Roman Guerrero, son of Mrs. Herminia of De Leon. Before coming to Canterbury Villa he worked in Ker-ville. Welcome to Canterbury Villa.

On Tuesday those coming for the singing were Billie Stacy, Willo Rice, Lovena Fonville, Oma Dee Garrett, Nancy Hendricks, Wanda Stacy, Anna Rush, Ava Rodgers, Velma Bennett, Berneice Rodgers and Murtice Rodgers.

Those visiting Jess Hallmark were Verle Hallmark of Brownwood, Russell and Wilma Cordell, Marshall Reeves of Dublin, and Irene Hallmark.

Mrs T. T. Fair of Rock Bluff and Faye Brewer visited Ruby Vandergriff.

We are sorry Gracie Hamilton is in the De Leon Hospital.

Willo Rice brought the Bible study on Wednesday for 8 residents.

Visiting Mary Choate were Odell and Emma Bethany of De Leon, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Hoover of Abilene, Stella Rodgers, Jaunita Files, Frances Simpson, Scythia Alldredge and Zina Simpson.

On Wednesday Irene Hallmark, Gladys Chambless, Lenis Rice and Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo. Winners were Dee Gilmore, Veno Hale, Ruby Vandergriff, Jess Hallmark, Iola Johnson, Mae Quinn, Minnie Dupuy, Cynthia Earles, Ida Lewis and Garnet Adams.

Those visiting Ida Lewis were Ora Lee Lawrence and Joe O'Neal.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY PARTY**  
Leroy Wright, Mae Quinn, Stella Thurman, Joe Ormsby, Nancy Holloway, Ora Mae Atchison and Annie Hale all had February birthdays and were honored on Thursday, Feb. 22 at 2 p. m.

Janette Bureson, Rosa Aguilar, Velma Bennett and Iris Preston made the birthday cakes that were served with ice cream or sherbert.

Mrs. Claude Fuller played many beautiful piano selections, which everyone enjoyed.

The Church of Christ gave lotion, he First Baptist Church gave Kleenex, Canterbury gave bud vases with

## LETTER OF THANKS TO FIRE DEPARTMENT

We regret that the following letter was misplaced and was not published earlier:

Dear Mr. Bennett:

This is a letter of thanks for the Volunteer Fire Department for their help in putting out the grass fire on a Sunday afternoon that started from a trash barrel on the W. J. Atchison farm.

If you have never experienced a fire, and I hope that no one ever has to, you just cannot imagine the panic and helpless feeling that you feel.

The men were at the fire in only minutes (to you, it does seem an eternity, but, oh, what a welcome

flowers and the Methodist Church sent birthday cards.

Anna Rush helped the Kokomo EH Club members Velma Bennett, Norma Webb and Nancy Hendricks serve refreshments. Leroy Wright visited his brother, Gabe Wright.

Odell Dupuy, Sylvia Bridgewater, Jo Smith, Rufus Goodwin and Walter Goodwin visited Minnie Dupuy.

On Friday Anna Rush and Nancy Hendricks helped with bingo. We appreciated the nice gifts Mrs. Rosa Aguilar sent. Winners were Lorene Jay, Ruby Vandergriff, Harley and Wilma Rawls, Emma Shugart, Mae Quinn, Cynthia Earles, Veno Hale, Dee Gilmore, Ida Lewis and Garnet Adams.

sight they are). These volunteers went directly to the job at hand and in a very short time had the fire doused and under control.

These volunteers and their service to the community are sometimes overlooked, and taken for granted, but you can be sure that I now have a new awareness and respect for these men for taking out from their families and Sunday dinners to come and help a frantic woman and her little girl, who were trying fruitlessly

to snuff out a fire themselves.


Also, in this incident, it teaches you just how fast a crisis can occur and just how fast and great a loss you can sustain.

Some of the firefighters I knew, and some I didn't, but to each and every one that came out there, please accept my sincere thanks and gratitude.

Sincerely,


Ouida Nowlin Gartman

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We have recently spent a great deal of money and time renovating the inside and outside of our building and in the process we have somewhat renovated ourselves. There is great enthusiasm within the congregation and we want to share that with you.

On March 11th we will begin with our Bible classes and will be followed by a guest speaker, Bro. Odell Carter, for the morning and evening services.

After the morning worship, we will have snacks, sandwiches, coffee and tea in the fellowship hall. Then we will return to the building where we will have congregational singing for several hours. We will conclude the day with evening services.

Please plan to come and worship the Lord with us on that day.

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**PRESS POINTS**  
JOE BENNETT - PUBLISHER

The weatherman is sure being nice to us these days as we have been blessed with some real good showers the past several days. It rained here on Tuesday afternoon and continued to rain on and off all night. It was still trying to rain some before press time.

This moisture is just what the farmers and ranchers are looking for and most folks are really enjoying the rain. If the moisture continues it should make prospects look a lot better for the upcoming peanut crop. The small grain and cover crops should really come on now before preparations get under way to prepare the land for planting once

again.  
We thank the Lord for this fine rain.

—J—  
It was a terrible heartbreaking loss for the Panthers on Tuesday night in their game with Tolar at Mineral Wells to advance in the playoffs, as the Panthers came back from a 21 to 4 deficit in the first quarter to take a two point lead in the final minutes of the game. But Tolar hit two baskets in the final minute, with the last two-pointer coming as the buzzer sounded when the Rattlers got a tip in on a missed shot as time ran out. The final score was 71 to 69, but it could just as easily went into overtime if the call had went the other way.

However, the Panthers have no reason to hang their heads as they have amassed a 22-8 record this year and have really played some great basketball, coming back in several games to take victories from their opponents.

We add our congratulations to those of the community for a fine performance by the Panthers and Pantherettes this season. Great job gang!

—J—  
The Annual Gorman Chamber of Commerce Banquet has been sched-

### J. B. Morris Laid To Rest On Friday

J. B. Morris, 74, of De Leon, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 21 in the De Leon Hospital.

Graveside services were held at 11 a. m. Friday at De Leon Cemetery with C. L. Mohon, Jr. officiating, directed by Nowlin Funeral Home.

Mr. Morris was a lifelong resident of De Leon. He was a retired farmer and rancher, and was a member of the Saint Joe Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Luella Pierce Morris of De Leon; two sons, Curtis Morris of Friendswood and Toby Morris of Desdemona; a brother, E. Y. "Zeke" Morris of De Leon; five sisters, Jeraldine Van-Zandt of Granbury, Earline Warner of Dublin, Wyna Ruth Stobie of San Antonio and Donna Mae Plemons and Connie Fae Magee, both of Cleburne; two grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

uled for Thursday, April 5th. The annual event honors the outstanding farmer and the community service recipient, as well as the outstanding academic students of GHS.

The meal will again be catered by Oscars and tickets will be on sale soon at \$5 per plate. The Chamber can hold the price of tickets down to this amount because of the generosity of the Gorman and area business firms supporting the banquet with donations. This allows a lot of folks to attend the banquet who otherwise might not be able to afford the cost of tickets.

There will be more information on this as time moves along. But folks are urged to buy their tickets as soon as they are available so a close count can be made prior to the April 5 date.

—J—  
The Branding Iron Restaurant is having Open House on Saturday, March 3rd from 9 to 5 so folks can go by and see the fine new facilities that Ramona and Larry Stewart have built here. So drop by on Saturday for some refreshments and look over the new facilities. There will also be drawings for door prizes.

—J—  
The Lions Club is busy making plans for their annual Benefit "Basketball?" Games slated for March 20th at the local gym. There will be a "Battle" among the womens teams before the "Brutal Contest" between the Lions Club men and the outsiders. Also on the evening schedule is performances by the Pee Wee Girls teams and the Pee Wee Boys teams if it can all be worked out and the Gorman Red Hots Gymnastic group will perform during the break between the games.

Of course the Lions will be selling those "Famous Lion Burgers" prior and during the game, along with some other goodies for the fans enjoyment. The hamburgers will be served in the school cafeteria beginning at 5:30 and ending around 8, and there will also be lots of goodies in the concession stand in the gym.

So mark your calendars now and be ready for the "Big Event". By the way, if you "love" basketball, you might even sign up to play!

—J—  
And remember to smile -- because God Loves You!

### Last Rites For James A. "Bert" Witt Held Sunday

James Albert "Bert" Witt, 52 of Lake Brownwood, and former resident of Gorman, passed away Friday, February 23 in the Brownwood Regional Hospital.

Services were held at 4 p. m. Sunday at the Rains-Seale Funeral Home Chapel in Ballinger with the Rev. Ron Carroll, pastor of First Baptist Church of Gorman, officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Ceme-

### Max "Hunter" Blair Services Set Thursday

Max "Hunter" Blair, 2½ years old, passed away Tuesday, Feb. 27 in a Big Springs hospital.

Graveside services will be held at 3 p. m. Thursday at Coahoma Cemetery with George O'Briant officiating, directed by Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born July 28, 1987 in Big Spring and belonged to the Coahoma Church of Christ.

Survivors include his parents, James and Debbie Blair of Big Spring; a sister, Marlana Blair of Big Spring; a brother, Heath Blair of Big Spring; paternal grandparents, James Blair of Tulare, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Grover Wayland of Big Spring; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Self of Big Spring; three great-grandmothers, Iva Richardson of Tulare, Calif., and Lucille Bledsoe and Naomi Wright, both of Big Spring; a great-great-grandmother, Bertie Self of Gorman; and several aunts and uncles.

### The James Haynes Host For UMW

The United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church of Gorman met recently in the home of Rev's. James and LaVelle Haynes. The group was delighted to have Media Pearl Davis of Ballinger, the President of the Brownwood District United Methodist Women, as their special guest. Other special guests in attendance were Maurice and Marilyn Currie of Stephenville; Mary Frances Bishop of Eastland; Thelma Switzer and Ted McLaughlin of Blanket; May Fry and Diane Smith of Gorman; and Dr. Andrew Fowler of Rising Star. Dr. Fowler is pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Rising Star.

Dr. Fowler presented a very interesting program on the economic conditions and the living conditions in the Phillipines. His wife, Nina, is a native of the Phillipines. Dr. Fowler and Nina spent a number of years as Missionaries in Malaysia.

After the program, the host and hostess served an assortment of refreshments. Those in attendance in addition to those named above were: Tommye Haile, Nellie Lucky, Estelle Craddock, Bobbie Brown, Gene Snelson, Theresa Parker, Ruthma Bennett, Oma Dee Garrett, Ruth Higginbottom, Pauline Dennis, Gertrude Wallace, and James and LaVelle Haynes.

tery.  
Mr. Witt was born in Runnels County. He was a truck driver and a Baptist.  
Mr. Witt had resided in Gorman for many years before moving to the Lake Brownwood area.  
Survivors include his wife, Bonnie Jean Witt of Lake Brownwood; two step-daughters, Jean Kelly of Sweetwater and Ella Schrishuhn of Joshua; three sisters, Gene McClelland of Humble, Nell Murphy of Midland and Catherine Bailey of Arlington; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

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## Kaci Seaton Crowned All Star Baby

Kaci Seaton was crowned the All Star Baby in contests held in Breckenridge on Sunday, Feb. 25th, winning trophies for Best Photogenic Best Sportswear and Most Beautiful Baby. She will be eligible to compete in the State Competition in July in the Fort Worth-Dallas area.

Kaci is the 14 month old daughter of Jeff and Veronica Seaton and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Seaton of Gorman and Mr.

## Leslie B. Vance Issues Statement To The Voters

Continued from Page 1

Officials deserve a District Attorney's Office that is ready and able to direct and assist in fighting crime. I will further represent the interest of all county officials as required by law.

and Mrs. Frank Brinegar of Goldthwaite.

Liz Brinegar of Goldthwaite and Chris Bibby of Baird accompanied Veronica and Kaci to Breckenridge.

"I will personally prosecute the serious and important cases and it will be unnecessary for the people of Eastland County to bear the costs of Special Prosecutors.

"Special attention will be given to drug related crimes since Eastland County's drug crime rate is among the highest in the state. Our children and citizens are exposed to a county situation where for too long the drug dealers have been allowed to spread the destructive and immoral fruits of their drug labs and have subjected our children and people to the evils of the drug world. The drug problem is responsible for many of our thefts and other crimes. Unfortunately, theft is one of the handiest ways for users to obtain illegal drugs.

"Further, Texas has a seizure statute which allows the District Attorney to seize property and assets in drug related crimes. As your District Attorney, I would use any proceeds to subsidize efforts to fight this County's drug problem.

"My promise to Eastland County is to utilize all legal avenues and tactics to rid our county of the drug dealers and users. If elected, my advice to all illegal drug users is to seek help for your problems and end your illegal drug use before I take office or face a District Attorney who is committed to take you off the streets. To drug dealers, my advice is to leave Eastland County or face sure and certain trial before a jury of this county.

"I will diligently work to change the present situation by bringing new ideas and a concerted law enforcement effort to drive the pushers from the communities of Eastland County. The continuing illegal drug problem in this county is unexplainable, inexcusable and totally unacceptable. Your vote on March 13th will be sincerely appreciated. The time for a change is NOW."

/s/ Leslie B. Vance

-GP-

## First Baptist To Host Singing Group "Departure"

This Sunday, March 4th, the First Baptist Church of Gorman will host the Christian singing group "Departure."

"Departure" began to minister in the fall of 1986, following the Lord's calling to be a witness in evangelism and to encourage others to do the same.

The group travels some 37,000 miles a year, in 13 states and Canada, singing for age groups ranging from pre-school to colleges.

The concert will begin at 7 p. m. March 4th. The pastor and members of First Baptist would like to extend an invitation to anyone who would like to hear this group perform.

Bro. Ron Carroll

## Services For Jessie W. Robinson Held

Jessie W. Robinson, 69, of Eastland, passed away Sunday, Feb. 25 at his home.

Graveside services were held at 2 p. m. Tuesday in Murray Memorial Cemetery in Carbon with Jimmy Maples officiating, directed by Baker Funeral Home.

Mr. Robinson was born and reared in Eastland County and was a WWII Army veteran. He was a mechanic in Big Spring before retiring and returning to Eastland two years ago. He was the widower of Connie Robinson.

Survivors include two sons, Jack and Johnnie Robinson, both of Eula; three daughters, Judy Young of San Angelo, Clara Kellar of Eastland and Lota Fortney of Baird; two brothers, Glen Robinson of Levelland and Robert of Post; a sister, Nellie Sharp of Ranger; and 12 grandchildren.

-GP-

## Edward C. Patton Rites Held Saturday

Edward C. Patton, 81 of Merkel, passed away Thursday, Feb. 22 at an Abilene hospital.

Services were held at 11 a. m. Saturday at Merkel Church of Christ with Billie Patton and Derwood Patton officiating. Graveside rites were held at 1 p. m. at Mount Home Cemetery in Anson.

Mr. Patton was born in Erath County and moved to Merkel in 1973. He moved to Lueders in 1940, where he farmed and ranched, and then to El Paso in 1961, where he was in the vending machine business for 20 years. He was a member of Production Credit Association in Lueders. He was a member of Merkel Church of Christ and an elder at Lueders Church of Christ and also at Northside Church of Christ in El Paso.

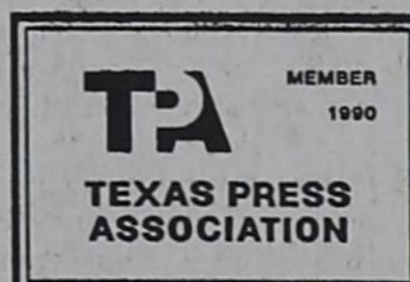
Survivors include his wife, Tommie Patton of Merkel; four sons, Derwood Patton of Charleston, S. C., D. Wayne of Austin, Cloys of Houston and Billie of Big Spring; two daughters, Mary Webb of Carbon and Peggy Moore of Carlsbad, N. M.; two brothers, Lester Patton of Jal. N. M. and Lonnie of Cabillo Lake, N. M.; a sister, Virgie Rowland of Hamlin; 19 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

-GP-

## CORRECTION

Bob and Melody Brogdon of Houston, Margaret Fensty of Temple and Mr. and Mrs. George Gilbert of De Leon were visitors last Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Williams, and not Mrs. Pauline Dennis as it appeared in last week's issue of the Progress.

We apologize for this error.



## Earnest (Shorty) Welch Honored On 80th Birthday

Earnest (Shorty) Welch was honored with an 80th birthday party on Saturday, February 17th. Guests attending were all of his children, some grandchildren and great-grandchildren, various relatives and local friends.

Thanks to everyone who attended the party and thanks for all of the cards and phone calls that were received.

From the children of Shorty Welch -GP-

## AN OPEN LETTER

Dear Friends;

We would like to thank each of you personally for the kindness and support you have so freely given. Your calls, cards, flowers and deeds will be a comfort to mother and us for a very long time.

A special thank you to the Desdemona friends for providing the Community Center, as a meeting place for our family and many friends.

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## Kokomo EH Club Stew Supper Successful

On Saturday, February 24th from 5 to 8 p. m. the Kokomo Extension Homemakers Club held the Annual Benefit Stew Supper at the Kokomo Community Center.

The club appreciated the ladies who decorated and got the tables ready.

The club really appreciated all the people coming from Clyde, Desdemona, Cisco, Carbon, De Leon, Eastland, Lake Leon, Ranger, Gorman, Olden and Kokomo.

Every club member helped prepare the food and appreciated Ruth Bryant and Mamie Little helping.

The proceeds will be given to Carbon and Gorman Fire Departments and West Texas Rehab Center in Abilene.

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Nancy Hendricks, Reporter

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MAR. 6	Huckabay	Gorman	4:00
MAR. 9	Early	Early	4:30
MAR. 12-16	Spring Break		
MAR. 19	Stephenville JV	Stephenville	4:30
MAR. 22	Ranger	Ranger (RJC)	8:00
MAR. 23	Ranger	Ranger (RHS)	TBA
MAR. 24	Ranger	Ranger (RHS)	TBA
MAR. 27	Huckabay	Huckabay	TBA
MAR. 30	Stephenville JV	Gorman	4:30
APR. 3	Hamilton	Hamilton	4:30
APR. 6	Gordon	Gorman	4:00
APR. 10	* Eula	Gorman	4:00
APR. 17	* Cross Plains	Gorman	4:00
APR. 20	* Lingleville	Lingleville	TBA
APR. 24	* Baird	Baird	4:30
MAY 1	Cisco	Cisco	TBA
MAY 4	* Eula	Eula	5:30
MAY 8	* Cross Plains	Cross Plains	TBA
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## ROCK BLUFF COMMUNITY

by Jewell Dukes Huddleston

An exchange of telephone calls and a gracious invitation from Bernice Farley set up another meeting to discuss early days at Rock Bluff.

There is always one of 'Timer who can remember names, dates and places better than others and this party was Vernon Skaggs, who started to school at Rock Bluff in 1917, and was one of the pupils that transferred to Duster when the schools consolidated in 1924.

Vernon was a mite late because he had been fence-fixing over Suez way. However, to be able to look after livestock and work on the fence at his age is the best part of our story. And there was nothing wrong with his memory, either, when he began naming Rock Bluff school teachers from 70 years ago!

I might add that our gathering was made up of descendants of Frank and Lizzie Skaggs. This included Elsie Skaggs Robinett, Bernice Skaggs Farley, Marie Skaggs White, Vernon Skaggs and Jackie Robinett.

Bernice had a copy of the church records dating back



FRANKIE LEE SKAGGS standing beneath the Rock Bluff for which the community was named.

to 1878, written in long-hand, giving names, dates and happenings relating to the church and its members. It was interesting to note that on more than one occasion a church member was spoken to for unchristian-like behavior.

So many of the recollections

brought up the customs of long ago. Vernon told of plowing the fields behind a walking cultivator and the principal crops were corn and cotton for the boll weevil had not destroyed the money crop back then.

Bernice, Elsie and Marie all turned to Vernon and said, "When our cotton was weighed and our sacks emptied you could easily pick out Vernon's. It didn't have a speck of trash in it!"

At the school Spelling Bee's Elsie and Vernon were the winners! Vernon said that there were times he misspelled on purpose so he could sit down. He named some teachers of that era: Myrtle Gregory, Faye Miller, Mittie Backley, Lewis Roach, Gene Pettit, Gladys Toland, Sam Reed.

Teachers boarded with farm families in the community, during the seven month school term. Recess and dinner ended with Teacher ringing a hand-bell while standing in the school house door.

On the playground, Two-Eyed Cat was a popular game, and spinning tops were fun, especially if you could plug the other feller's top!

Candy-breakin's was a community social that young people enjoyed and the ol' swimmin' hole was another gathering place.

The Skaggs' family dog, Jack, went to school, too. When children were scolded by Teacher for being too noisy they pointed out the wisdom to Jack and said he was the culprit.

All members of the family recalled the chores and household duties. At hog-killing time Bernice was old enough to stir the black wash-pot filled with fat meat that would be cooked into lard. Other, older members, helped with sausage-making and Marie and Elsie remembered the home-made sacks that were used.

When Rock Bluff consolidated with Duster those Model T school buses provided transportation down the sandy lanes. Vernon recalled the time the bus got stuck in the sand beds and everyone hopped off and pushed... and the journey continued.

One holiday memory that the Skaggs children recalled was the year their mother, Ms. Lizzie, walked down the railroad track, from Rock Bluff to Blair's Store at Duster to sell eggs for Christmas money. She carried 10 dozen, but no one remembered the price that eggs were that year.

Vernon recalled taking corn to Duster to be ground into meal. He also recalled Frank Rhodes' son, Morgan, that his classmates called, "Slats", because he was tall and slender.

Both Elsie and Marie identified with feed-sack prints that were recycled into clothes. And the old water jug that was carried to the field, with a tow-sack wrapper, wet down, to keep the water cool.

In the Rock Bluff school days, everyone carried a dinner bucket. School lunch usually consisted of a couple of biscuits and sausage patties and a fried pie for dessert. If no dried fruit was available, the fried pie would be filled with sugar and butter and cinnamon for flavoring.

Vernon was a classmate of mine at Duster. But he was not the boy who sat behind me and put my braided pig-tails in his ink-well, ribbons and all!

Furthermore - Vernon said W. C. Winkles would NEVER throw an eraser when the teacher's back was turned! School days, school days - Dear old golden rule days - Readin' and writin' and 'rithmetic - Taught to the tune of a hickory stick!

What memories! And a special thank you to the Skaggs clan for their gracious outreach and cooperation. Their family history reaches back to Londonderry, Ireland, almost 300 years ago. But today, when we think of Rock Bluff, we think of the Skaggs name.



SINGING SCHOOL AT ROCK BLUFF around 1917, Gene Gillock was teacher.



THE FRANK SKAGGS FAMILY... 1949's: (Back row, left to right) Frankie Lee, Lloyd, Archie, Vernon and Virgil; (Front row) Bernice, Marie, Elsie, Cleo and Mae; (Seated in front) H. F. (Frank) and Lizzie Browning Skaggs.



SWIMMING IN HIGGINBOTHAM FORD on the 4th of July, pictured are Wayne Quinn, Lelon and Lyndon Grace, Mildred Thomas, Bernice Skaggs, Fern Thomas, Doris Hodges, LaMoynne Thomas, and Lillian Skaggs.

## LIST OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS BY TEXANS RELEASED

State Treasurer Ann W. Richards said Friday that more than 120,000 Texans have \$99 million in lost or forgotten money coming to them this year—up 65 percent from last year's \$60 million.

The 120,000 are named in the 1990 version of the Texas Treasury Unclaimed Money Fund List which will be published on Sunday, March 4 in 27 newspapers.

"Each year we try to locate as many people as we can and return this money to them," Richards said. "Last year about \$26 million was given back to rightful owners."

All losted accounts are worth at least \$50 with the largest account worth close to \$103,000. All safe deposit boxes and stocks are listed regardless of the value.

Generally, accounts on the list are from checking and savings accounts, utility deposits, oil royalties, and corporate stocks.

Most accounts must be dormant from three to five years before they are turned over to the state.

"There is no set time to make a claim on these accounts," Treasurer Richards said. "Money turned over to the State Treasury can be claimed at any time in the future by the original owner of his or her heirs."

Persons who find their names on the list can call the Texas State Treasury on its toll-free telephone line at 1-800-654-2463 or they can write the State Treasury at P. O. Box 17728, Austin, TX 78760. The toll-free line opens at noon on March 4.

During the first few weeks after the list is published, the toll-free line is often tied up by the volume of calls. The lines, however, are kept open for an extended period and there is no time limit for making a claim.

The telephone hours are 8 a. m. to 8 p. m. Monday through Friday from March 5 through April 6. After April 7, the hours will be from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The Unclaimed Money Fund List was first published shortly after Richards took office in 1983 and she has made collecting and returning unclaimed money one of her top priorities.

Since she took office, the Treasury has collected more than \$273 million in unclaimed funds, which is almost 86 percent of all such funds ever collected in the State of Texas. About 96 percent of all funds returned in the 28-year history of the program have been returned during the seven years of the Richards Administration.

Money that is not claimed by owners is used by the state for education and general state services such as highways and law enforcement. Last year, for example \$40 million in non-tax revenue was turned over to the Foundation School Fund and the General Revenue Fund.

Area towns and names include: Carbon: H. A. Tyrone.

Comanche: Armstrong & Ryan, Meisha Arthur, T. D. Baker, B. R. Bingham, Patti M. Bradbury, Elva Constancia, Caroline Fall, James F. Fanning, S. Fleming, Hattie L. Harris, G. M. Hasley, Larry Haynie, Nancy Holland, Ruth Jackson, Joe Knapp, Marcos Lopez, PAR Village, Mary K. Pate, Billy Pope, Patsy Pope, Steve Pope, Marjorie Power, Lillian Reese, R. Reid, Dale Russell, Ruby Schuman, Smitty's Exxon, and J. H. Weatherby.

De Leon: Edward Bradshaw, Robert Bradshaw, William Bradshaw, Edward Bradshaw, Jr., G. S./W. S. Caraway, Sr.

B. Chambers, Charlotte Chambers, De Leon Roofing, W. J. Dickey, John Fourie, Sam Frasier, Gary E. Golden Shirley Ruth Kuhn, G. C. Mohon, O.C./D. Morris, A. T. Nabors, Arden G. Parker, Clyde Wright and R. Wright.

Desdemona: Frank A. Hitt. Eastland: Shirley Ables, Charles R. Alexander, Brown Operating Inc. Eastland County Abstract, Bobby Emfinger, Elizabeth Freyschlag, M. G. Gooden, Steven Haines, Mike Hallum, Ben E. Hamner, Minerva G. Harbin, Nona Harris, Mrs. R. E. Head, Carl William Hoffman, William H. Hoffman, Jr., Virginia Inzer, Jesse Irvan, Alan Jackson, Charles A. / Nessa Jackson, Norman Lee Jones, Clinton Kellar, Ottie Ray Kernell, Lee/Gussie King, Robert Lee King, Charley Latham, Dixie Long, John David McGough, James R. McLennan, Donald E. Miller, Billy J. Moore, Miles Moore, Clay A. Morris, Raleigh D. Morton, Vera Newham, Petroleum Land Leasing, Wilma Pope, Mary J. Brown Rowch, Robert L. Skinner, Joe Frank Sparks, and Harvey Woosley.

Gorman: Leon Barton, Lois L. Buchanan, Cecil Everton, Roger Hammon, Coleman S. Hodges, Loretta Shook, South Eastland Co. Hospital District, and Max Stephens.

Ranger: Teresa Basham, Rosa BierraVera Cooper, Boyd Everett, M. E. Ewing, C. M. Gibbs, Stella Goforth, Fred W. Hagman, Helen Hagman, Jimmy D. Hall, Mrs. T. W. Hazard, Charles B. Hazel, James Phelton Herrington, Christopher Hodges, Ruth Hagaman Horrigan, Kenneth M. Hudson, John W. Jackson, Johnnie J. Jones, David Lewis, Fred McCright, Gaylon J.

Morrow, I. C. Peeks, Olen Phillips, Elizabeth Piburn, Vicki D./Jack L. Rowe, Cecilia M. Scott and W. V. Watson.

You may check on these names after March 4th.

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## Direct Deposit Makes Sense For SS

Direct Deposit of Social Security and supplemental security income (SSI) benefits makes even more sense than ever before, thanks to recent advances in the direct deposit program, Glyn Hammons, Social Security manager in Abilene said today.

All financial institutions involved in the direct deposit program are now required to have computer facilities to allow electronic transfer of benefits. In addition, benefit payments which cover more than 1 month can now be sent by electronic transfer rather than by paper check.

This insures that payments will be made quickly and safely to Social Security and SSI beneficiaries, Hammons said.

To switch from paper checks to direct deposit, call Social Security at 1-800-234-5772. Have available your Social Security claim number and a check or account statement from your financial institution.

The Abilene Social Security office is located at 142 South Pioneer. The office is open from 9 to 4:30.

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## June Hicks Seeks Position As District Clerk

June Hicks announces that she is a candidate for the Democratic Party as the nominee for the office of the 91st District Court.

She was born, reared, and today maintains a permanent residence in the Pleasant Hill community, west of Carbon. She graduated from Carbon High School, and received a B.S. degree with majors in history and English from Howard Payne University. She, with 35 other U. S. secondary teachers, was chosen for a scholarship to attend Valparaiso University. At Midwestern State University she completed graduate hours in mid-management and administrative courses. She holds a valid Texas Teacher's Certificate. Recently she completed a continuing education course in Conversational Spanish. She has taught for schools in Electra, Cisco and Abilene.

The late Virgil Love was her mentor in recording legal instruments. In the following years after she left Mr. Love's employment, courthouse "giants" as Stanley Webb, Edgar Altom, J. C. Allison and A. M. "Ott" Hearn taught her various legal recording skills as she worked in their offices. She maintains excellent typing skills, and have a working knowledge of computers, and feel she has expertise in office and managerial responsibilities.

She holds memberships in professional organizations, as in the Texas State Teachers Association, Delta Kappa Gamma, International, and Texas Classroom Teachers Association. She has served as local president of all three and also on state committees of all three. At the time TCTA was under the umbrella of National Education Association, she was on the TCTA Executive State Board.

As a member of the Eastland County Historical Society, she worked as a volunteer on Eastland County

## Special Free Tax Advice For Older Citizens

If you're an older American, be sure you're not missing out on some important tax benefits, says the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). For example, there is the credit for the elderly or disabled. This credit could reduce the taxes you pay if you are age 65 or older, or if you are disabled. The credit is based on the taxpayer's income, filing status, age, and spouse's age (if the taxpayer is married). To figure this credit, use schedule R.

If you're 65 or older or blind and do not itemize deductions, the Internal Revenue Service says you may be entitled to take a standard deduction amount on your tax return for 1989 that is higher than the amount available to other taxpayers. The standard deduction table in the 1040 instruction booklet can help you determine your deduction.

As an older American you may have to file a return. If you are single and age 65 or older, you generally need not file a 1989 return if your gross total income was less than \$5,850. If you would ordinarily file a joint return, and both you and your spouse are 65 or older, usually no return is required unless your joint income for 1989 was at least \$10,400.

Are you thinking of selling your home? If you are age 65 or older, you may be able to take advantage of a once-in-a-lifetime \$125,000 exclusion on the gain from the sale.

Free tax assistance is available to low and moderate income older people through AARP's tax-aid program. Tax-aid volunteers are trained in cooperation with the IRS, and provide assistance from February 1 to April 15 each year. They can help you complete the necessary federal, state and local tax forms. To locate the tax-free site nearest you, contact Gorman Senior Citizens Center, telephone 817-734-2966.

AARP is the nation's largest organization of Americans 50 and older, retired and working. The nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, based in Washington, D.C., offers a wide variety of membership benefits legislative representations at federal and state levels, and educational community service programs carried out through a national network of volunteers and local chapters.

History from the beginning through the delivery of the book.

For over 10 years she has maintained a sustaining membership with the Texas Democratic Party. With this group she has worked in the conventions process at the precinct, county, district and state level as an Eastland County delegate. Also, she has been appointed or volunteered as a member of steering committees, telephone bank operator, and/or committee person during various campaigns.

Her supportive family consists of a son, James, a practicing attorney at Waller; two grandchildren; her father, Robert Tucker; my brothers, Bobby Tucker and Billy Tucker, all of Carbon. Her mother was the late Johnnie Hardin Tucker.

Her campaign statement is that she will keep the records of the 91st District Court to the best of her ability in as cost-effective manner as possible as the laws dictate, and under the capable directions of the District Judge.

At the same time she will do her best to maintain a positive image for Eastland County.

Your vote and influence for June Hicks in the March 13 Democratic Primary will be greatly appreciated.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A.M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Bill Clark, W.M., 734-2429 - Howard Hagood, Sec. 734-2977.

### NEED HELP???

We would like to invite you to join our OPEN NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS meetings. Meetings will be held at the old Fire Hall in Gorman at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday nights.

Gorman PTO is accepting Donations for the Louise Rankin Memorial Library. If you would like to make a Donation in Memory of or In Honor of Someone, Please Call Janda Taylor at 734-2497 or 734-2617.

Gorman Primitive Baptist Church has Services on 2nd - 3rd - 4th Sundays. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Elder Barry Brown, Pastor - Everyone Welcome To Attend.

Musical at Sipe Springs Community Center, Saturday, March 3 - 6:30 p.m. til. Everyone Invited. Special Invitation to All Musicians.

## NOTICE!!

To Renew your License Plates for You Auto Nancy Trout, Eastland County Tax Collector will be at Smith Bros. Chevrolet on the Third Wednesday of each Month. The Next Date will be March 21st.

## WORD of GOD

### Prophecy (Old Testament)

They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.